

The News and Courier's Hand Primary.

The News and Courier of last Saturday asks for a hand primary by the newspapers of this State as to the feelings of the people in reference to the matter discussed by Mr. John G. Capers, as published in the Washington Post, and from which paper we have copied it into the Press and Banner of this date. The News and Courier asks various questions, and, speaking for this editor and this newspaper, we shall attempt to answer:

1. "Is his statement in Washington that there has been a decidedly favorable trend of opinion in South Carolina towards President Roosevelt accurate?"

Answer: It is certain that the opposition to the President has been greatly modified. But it may be stating the matter too strongly to say that there is a "decidedly favorable trend of opinion towards" him.

2. "Is he right in saying that our people believe the President is eminently just and that they have misunderstood him?"

Answer: That statement like the one in the first question, is, perhaps too sweeping. But there can be no doubt that there has been a revision of the sentiment which this people entertained toward Mr. Roosevelt six months ago. Speaking for this editor, we have much more respect for him to day than we had at that time. The South, like the North is obliged to respect a man whose "strenuous" life has been so thoroughly endorsed by the American people as was his last November.

3. "Is his estimate of a complete drying away of feeling correct?"

Answer: While there may be in some quarters a lurking feeling against the President, yet we believe that the statement could not in the broader and better sense be successfully refuted.

4. "Is it, indeed, true that Mr. Roosevelt's conduct was so recently recalled by the letter of the latter's daughter has been forgotten?"

Answer: It has not been forgotten, we believe that nine-tenths of the people regard it as ancient history, and care not one cent about it one way or the other. We believe that the Jefferson Davis people have tired the reading public with their ever recurring whining and their childish reminders of a matter of no consequence to anybody one way or another, and about which the general public care nothing.

5. "Are our people reconciled to Crum, the Booker Washington lunch and the Ludlow incident?"

Answer: As a whole, the people have taken very little stock in these incidents. They do not seem to even as much as a side days wonder. But we believe they are thoroughly sick and tired of having the matter constantly thrust into their faces. It has been cooked to a turn, and they would like to see these incidents closed. They are of infinitesimally small consequence, and the people certainly care nothing for the Crum matter. There may be some prejudice against the President because of the Booker Washington incident, but we think very few men of sufficient intelligence and greatness of mind to read a daily newspaper give it a thought.

"Mr. Capers has undertaken to describe the feeling in South Carolina 'irrespective of party.' If he has succeeded it is best that it be known."

Answer: We think that there is still some traces of sectional feeling, but we think that Mr. Capers, before an impartial jury, could not be convicted of the charge of putting our people in a false light in that part of his speech which the News and Courier reproduces. As evidence that there has been a softening of public sentiment toward the President it is only necessary to recite the fact that many distinguished politicians of this State have been recently to see the President either on their own account or in behalf of other Democrats. Surely, if an honorable Democrat held violent or outrageous feelings for the President he would not so far forget himself as to ask favors of a man with whom he was at enmity.

We think, if it were not for the color menace that confronts us, our people would love to become citizens of the United States, and that they would be delighted to have the South regard herself as a part of this great country. The politicians, when in congress, seem to have lost their common sense, in opposing everything that the Republicans favor. These recent conduct in opposing everything, (even the Panama canal) and the ever solidly of their vote furnish the best evidence that the Democratic party has chosen the right animal to represent it.

Four newspapers and our politicians would exert the same efforts in restoring peace and in building up our waste places that are now being expended in stirring up sectional hatred. This country would prosper and be happy.

The Press and Banner would love to see its able contemporary lay aside for a while its personal feelings. The people want peace. They are tired of the Crum business. They want to be on good terms with the Washington government. They are worn out with the Jeff Davis crowd and are very tired of remarks about Miles. These matters have become long haired chestnuts.

All of which is given as our estimate of the condition of the facts.

Reformatory a School of Vice.

The Legislature did well in killing the bill which had for its purpose the establishment of a school of vice, otherwise called a "Reformatory." To bring together all the bad children of a community is to establish the most effective plan for increasing the disposition and the ability of the youth for evil doing, the collecting together of men brightens their wits but blunts their moral sensibilities. Let South Carolina then, not establish an institution from which only evil does are to be graduated.

Judge Swayne Acquitted.

Judge Swayne who has been on trial before the Senate for sundry "crimes and misdemeanors" was acquitted last Monday by a vote of 32 to 19. About one third of the whole voted for conviction, while two-thirds were necessary.

Death of Col. Orr.

Col. James L. Orr of Greenville died last Sunday night aged 52 years. He was stricken down with erysipelas last Friday was a week ago, and on several days he was a desperately sick man, being delirious. The disease developed about the mouth which caused his death. He has been active all his life, and in every position, he took a leading part. For years he has been president of the Piedmont Cotton Mills.

He was related to Dr. Marshall's family.

New Orleans has had a \$50,000,000 fire.

Not Argument.

Our good friend, the local editor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian, for whom we have good respect, printed the following paragraph in his paper last week:

"The Tenth dispensary bill, the same as the Tenth bill, with slight change, passed the house by a vote of 18 to 20. In the senate it was killed by the close vote of 17 to 20, with two pairs. In order that our readers may see the measure of the men and how they voted and the company they keep we give the vote in detail."

As we have a perfectly friendly feeling for our Due West brother we venture to make the above quoted lines the subject of comment, which comment will apply as well to some others as to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian.

Without commenting on the absence of the evidence of the Christian graces and without noting the total lack of argument or excuse for unkind and uncalled for flings or insinuations, we would suggest that flings and insinuations are much more to be feared than convey ideas which it would be impolitic to express in formal standard of either secular or religious journalism. A man may differ in opinion from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian and still be as conscientious, as pure in motive and as intelligent in the discharge of his duty to God and man as those who make flings at him.

The insertion of nettles in a newspaper from week to week circulates the popularity of the usefulness of a newspaper. Even disinterested readers do not like to see others treated unfairly nor do they like to see anybody's good name needlessly assailed.

These nettles, in the case of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian, do the local editor personally a great injustice. They do not reflect his true character, but place him in a wrong light before the public. Personally, he is as gentle as a lamb, as kind as a Christian grace as any man could wish. But when, instead of argument or reasonable contention, he resorts to the throwing of vitriol through his paper he is even more unjust to himself than to others. The throwing of vitriol is not Brother Galloway's normal predisposition.

And then the assailing of people's conduct, and the uttering of men as something else than friends is far reaching in its effect.

For instance: The general reader, if displeased with any newspaper, is disposed to hold the city in which it is printed responsible in a less or greater degree, and the dislike for any city or town thus brought about by newspapers, is not without results.

But to bring the matter nearer home. Does our good brother at Due West believe that he can continually nag people, and make frequent insinuations that they are not as good or as patriotic as he is without doing injury, not only to his own influence and usefulness, but to the church and to the college whose sentiments and interests he is supposed to favor?

It matters not to what exalted degree of religion a man may reach, he is still in a measure, expected to observe some of the ordinary rules which generally govern good men. Religion does not release one from the obligation to be civil even to the grossest of men, or to the high standards which may have been set up for them by the sanctified.

While insinuations and "the better than thou" expressions may be all right enough with those who may much nearer approach the presence of the Author of our being, yet insinuations against others and implied claims of superiority over others is regarded in civil life as in good form.

The fact is, that it would be exceedingly hard to find a jury of our countrymen who would award greater patriotism or more purity of motive to one side than to the other of the dispensary question in this State. All men are patriotic. All men love their country. But on questions of public policy they may differ widely. It is therefore in doubtful taste, even if it be in accord with Christian ethics, for one side to claim a monopoly of the virtues while denying the same to others.

For instance: As a rule, the supporters of the dispensary law believe are temperance people, who by that law hope to reduce the drink habit. Through state control of the liquor traffic treating is no longer a practice, and this school of temperance has been stopped, and temperance people generally are opposed to the restoration of the treating habit which usually prevails where liquor is sold.

In the ranks of the opponents of the dispensary law may be found here and there a lonely prohibitionist with nearly every friend of the license law.

All those who hate the restrictions now placed on the sale of liquor, are opposed to the dispensary law. A few so-called prohibitionists (there is no prohibition party) seem to take advantage of the strength of the liquor element to advance, as they think, their idealistic scheme of prohibition.

The fact is, as a true statement of the facts as they exist.

Surely none but a dreamer could think that prohibition will ever be an accomplished fact in this State. The few prohibitionists may however muster enough of the liquor element to break up the prohibition which we now have from sunset to sunrise, but we will never have prohibition. The moment the license advocates are in power the few misguided prohibitionists who have assumed to lead them will be thrown overboard, and the license system will then follow. Already high license has been advocated by those who are giving their influence with the prohibitionists against the dispensary.

High license is the worst and the most inequitable of all the forms of controlling the liquor traffic. It gives the rich saloonist a monopoly. It offers the greatest inducement to fraud and extortion. It shuts out the competition which is furnished by the poor saloon to the rich, and it is denying equal rights to the poor. We are told that in Greenville even the blind idiots vote for prohibition.

In 1892 Abbeville voted for prohibition, 300; against prohibition, 66. If there is objection today to the dispensary by the temperance people we are not informed of the fact.

The temperance people and the church people are no doubt the strongest supporters of the dispensary law in this city. Whatever the facts may be, we do not admit, and would not admit that the opponents of the dispensary law are any better in principle or any more pure in heart than are our own people. Our people have had all sorts of liquor laws, including prohibition, and they know that the dispensary is the best law that we ever had on the liquor traffic, and we submit that those without experience in this matter, should not cast aspersions at people whose Christian character is not doubted by those who know them best.

For the sake of variety, we would be glad to hear of some argument against the dispensary that was not inspired by the advocates of the license system. We would like to know what prohibitionists expect to make by turning against their natural allies to consort with the license element.

If those temperance people who have turned their backs on their former associates, would argue more or resort more to reason they might command greater public respect and they might make more converts to their way of thinking.

We give our good brother at Due West full credit for good intentions while granting his sincerity of purpose in trying to uphold temperance. We are with him heart and soul along that line, but we differ from him in the method.

He should, however, allow some facts and some reason to filter into his brain. He should forget to magnify his own excellence, and he should not mind the good qualities of those against whom he makes insinuations or insinuations. A fair jury would not sustain our good brother in his insinuations. He ought to be able to discuss a public question without resorting to

personalities, or the casting of slurs against anybody, and especially should our good brother refrain from any effort to detract from the virtues of others whom a disinterested jury might say was as good as their defamers.

Politics in It?

And now it is said that the Farmers Cotton Movement has been invaded by politics. Why not?

If any great aggregation of people expect to do anything somebody must lead them. A leader must be a politician.

Leaders in Secession were politicians and nearly of them were elected to office.

In 1876 Hampton was the leader and he was honored.

In 1892 Tillman services for the Reform Movement was rewarded by office.

In the fight against the dispensary it is possible that somebody now would like to be elected governor next year.

It would be nothing but justice for enthusiastic workers to receive the support of their fellowers.

It is Harvey Jordan has accomplished anything in organizing the farmers in a Cotton-holding Movement, that fact should not militate against him, but it should commend him above all others who favor the efforts which he and his followers are making.

Up to this time it would seem that Mr. Jordan has proven to the world that there is something in unity of action. No matter what his personal or ulterior motive is, if he is steadfast and may be counted on to continue his good work, his followers should stick to him, politics or no politics.

Loyalty to friends and benefactors is good principle and good politics, too.

Memorial Hall.

We have been a-keed to call attention to the proposed Memorial Hall as a substitute for the proposed Confederate Monument.

The soldiers having rested in their unmarked graves for more than forty years, we presume that at this day and time, if they had a voice, would vote for the Memorial Hall instead of the Monument. The fact is, if the graves were decorated with flowers, the tribute would show heart service. Our Saviour was a lover of flowers, and he liked himself to the rose of Sharon and to the lily of the valley. When he was dead his followers, possibly out of respect for his love of flowers, buried him in a garden which was no doubt beautified with the living green. Then let the fragrance of beautiful flowers rise from the graves of the soldiers to mingle with the incense which rises to Heaven because of the sleepers' noble deeds and patriotic sacrifices.

Coming Home.

The inauguration of President Roosevelt takes place next Saturday, March 4. Congress will adjourn then. The Senate has been called to meet at noon that day in extraordinary session. Congressman Alken may be expected home next week. Mr. W. W. Bradley, Secretary to Mr. Alken, we learn, is ready to come home, and will be here next Monday, if the train does not run off the track.

EAST END.

What "M" Sees and Hears on His Round in Country and in Town.

March 1, 1905.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The anniversary of another birthday of this great nation is being celebrated, but memory is forever enshrined in the hearts of the American people who delight to do honor to the man who has been the greatest of our countrymen. His life is a story of noble deeds, his Christian life is worthy of emulation by the present generation.

Our city post office kept Sunday hours, and the stores were closed. Mr. W. W. Bradley, Secretary to Mr. Alken, we learn, is ready to come home, and will be here next Monday, if the train does not run off the track.

AT HENRY'S ALTAR.

On last Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock Miss Floride Reese and Mr. Earle C. Page of Abbeville were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, on upper Main street, Rev. J. H. Wells of the Methodist Church officiating.

The bride is one of Abbeville's sweetest and best beloved young ladies. She will be married by a large circle of friends, the groom is to be congratulated on winning so lovely a bride. Mr. and Mrs. Page left for their new home at 3:30 p. m. on Tuesday afternoon. It was the marriage of their daughter, Miss Floride, one of Abbeville's sweetest and best beloved young ladies, to Mr. Earle C. Page, a representative of the Columbia State, Mr. Page is a native of South Carolina and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

The many friends of Mr. Harry Hill of this city will be glad to learn that he is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He is a native of South Carolina and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina.

It would seem from the remarks of Judge Ernest Gary that he is not in favor of using the Court House as an opera house. We are glad to hear that he is not in favor of using the Court House as an opera house.

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STANDING AT THE HEAD.

Reports from Shorter College of Rome, Ga. show that at a recent examination Miss Alice H. H. was the highest in the class. She is a native of South Carolina and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina.

CIRCUIT ROUTE NO. 3.

Last Friday evening the young people of the Abbeville community were entertained at a "round party" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David G. H. of Abbeville.

greeting contest afforded much amusement. Messrs Thompson Penney and George M. Gentry won the first prize, a box of fine confectionery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam acted well, their part as host and hostess, making every one feel perfectly at home, besides looking after the comfort and pleasure of all their guests.

This is a hospitable home where anyone can always have a hearty welcome and a happy time.

Mr. R. E. Bruce with his bright little son, Robert, are here on a visit from their home at Warrior, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Poney after a week's struggle with the grippe are up and about again.

Mr. Edwin Parker is not tearing down, but is building larger and better barns wherein he may store his crops.

Miss Jessie Schramm accompanied by her brother, Charlie, were among the visitors in the city last Saturday.

There is lots of cotton stored (as the editor says) on the ground, in the open, and under trees along Route No. 3, and if it keeps sound there is no room for warehouses.

The price will tell the tale by and by, whether high or low. The "kick" is bound to come, and those who will it be?

Last Saturday March rushed into February blowing everything fore and aft and gave us a taste of the blizzards of the month.

Along the highway as we came in bats were flying here and there and it seemed as if our buggy would go next. The wind blew steady and strong and every one held fast to hats and wraps.

The pupils of Fern Hill Academy enjoyed an old fashioned "candy pull" last Thursday afternoon through the kindness of their teacher, Mrs. Ada Kennedy. A little lot said they were "celebrating George Washington's birthday."

The telephone line along Route No. 3 is still out of balance only part of it fixed up.

Rev. L. W. Brown after a few days' pleasant sojourn with his brother in Chester, returned last Thursday to his home at Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith of Zephire were the guests last Sunday of Mr. J. J. Edwards and family.

Many brothers were in the city last Saturday selling the finest sweet potatoes we have seen in a long time. They had just pulled down their bank and found the potatoes as sound as a silver dollar.

We acknowledge a basket of them and know whereof we speak.

A lady friend presented us with a pound of soot of butter for which we return our sincere thanks. Nothing like being in "good luck."

Mr. W. L. Gilbert and family after a pleasant stay with relatives at Lebanon, returned to their city home last Monday.

Messrs Frank and George W. Wilson are opening a nice stock of goods at the store house on Glendale farm near White's bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Poney after a week's struggle with the grippe are up and about again.

Mr. B. A. Boyd of Lodiwood was in the city last Saturday evening.

Mr. W. B. Black of Mt. Carmel was among the visitors in the city Monday last.

Several of the young ladies of Route No. 3 are selling a few bales of cotton, but the majority of them are holding with a firm grip the balance on hand, the number of them are selling quantities of cottonseed.

They are hunting about getting ready for work. Some of them are now being hauled, but not as much as formerly.

Miss Maggie Evans, accompanied by her brother, Frank, came down last Friday for the party at Mr. J. H. Poney's.

Miss Power was the guest of Miss Evans. Mr. J. H. Poney also came home and remained until Sunday when he returned to his school duties.

Miss Ada Richer of Abbeville worshipped last Sunday with the Lebanon congregation.

Miss Helen Keaton came down last Friday afternoon and was the guest of Miss Lennie Tribble for a few days.

Mrs. M. J. Link and daughter, Miss Lillie, were stopping in the city last Monday.

Miss Lennie Tribble and daughter, Miss Keaton, were the guests of the Misses McKenzie last Saturday evening.

BACK TO THE CITY.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will meet in the parlance at 4 P. M. next Friday. All are requested to be present as officers for this year will be elected.

Many friends regret the extreme illness of Mr. H. H. H. who may soon be restored to health.

Mrs. W. T. McDonald shipped a pen (5 of the Plymouth Rock chickens to Chicago, S. C. last week.

Mrs. James Evans, the guest of her daughter, Mr. Frank G. G. has been in the city for the past week but is now much better.

MARRIED IN ABBEVILLE.

The Home Wedding of Mr. Earle C. Page and Miss Floride Reese. Many Guests and Handsome Presents.

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